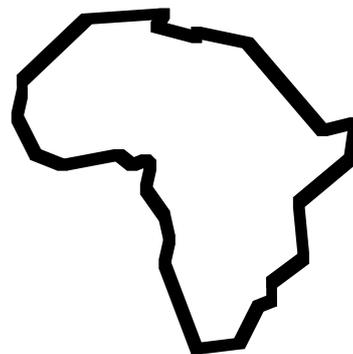


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## EVENTS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

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❖ The **Africa Business Group**, run by the **Centre of African Studies** in association with *Africa Confidential*, is holding three meetings this term the first of which being the rescheduled talk by Dr Anthony Butler (Lecturer in Politics, Birkbeck College, University of London) who will be speaking on **Political Uncertainty and Foreign Direct Investment in South Africa: Problems and Prospects** on **Tuesday 23 May**. On **Wednesday 31 May**, Shawn McCormick (Senior Policy Advisor, Government and Public Affairs, BP Amocol plc) will be speaking on **BP Amoco in Angola – a case study of growth, development and corporate responsibility in Africa**. On **Tuesday 6 June**, Christine Gordon (Writer and Researcher on diamond politics in Africa) will be giving a talking on **Diamond Studded Conflicts**. If you would like to attend these meetings, or wish to be sent information about the Africa Business Group generally, please contact Jackie Collis in the Centre office.

❖ **The Role of Women in Building a New South Africa** is a seminar being organised by **Safiso** in association with the **Centre of African Studies** which will be held on **Thursday 18 May** from **2.00 to 6.30pm**. This seminar will appreciate and redefine the role of women in the newly democratic South Africa, still coming to terms with the dramatic changes of the last decade. In so doing, the seminar will look closely at such topics as household, culture, law, education, the job market and the corporate social responsibility agenda in South Africa. The outcome of this seminar is intended to be used as a model for future analysis of similar patterns and challenges facing women in other SADC countries. Amongst the speakers will be Ms Hendrietta Bogopane (MP – South Africa), Ms Mmabatho Ramagoshi (Director of the National Network on Violence Against Women – South Africa), Dr Steve Kibble (Conflict and Peace Officer of the Catholic Institute for International Relations) with the proceedings being chaired by Professor Shula Marks (SOAS). This seminar will be followed by a fundraising concert entitled **Celebrating the Women of South Africa** with Nomvula Ndlazilwana (a jazz pianist also known as the 'Ivory Queen') and her band, who will be playing South African jazz. The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the **Uthingo Lwenkosazane Campaign** on gender promotion and development in South Africa. 'Uthingo Lwenkosazane' means rainbow in Zulu and depicts the calming characteristics of the rainbow following the sometimes harsh effects of torrential rain. Seminar tickets £5.00/Concert tickets £12.50 **Advance bookings only**. For further information contact Arlete Leandro at Safiso (tel/fax: 020 7609 1470/e-mail: safiso.europe@btinternet.com) or Jackie Collis in the Centre office.

❖ **The Emperor's New Clothes?: Continuity and change in colonial and post-colonial East Africa** is being convened by **Dr Andrew Burton** and **Dr Michael Jennings** in association with the **Centre of African Studies**. The workshop, which is being held on **Wednesday 21 June**, will aim to assess to what extent independence from colonial rule represented a radical departure in the historical development of East African societies. Earlier historiographical interpretations tended to view independence either as a crucial juncture at which point African societies triumphantly regained their autonomy or as being irrelevant in the context of an international economy dominated by the west during both the colonial and post-colonial periods. In more recent historical work both continuities and discontinuities in the post-colonial era have been apparent. However, these issues have rarely, if ever, been the principal focus of attention. The convenors of this workshop believe that they should now be explicitly addressed, in the hope that Africanist and neo-colonial treatments can be superseded and a new approach can perhaps be explored. Contributors will include academics from Britain, Europe and the USA. For further information contact Dr Andrew Burton (tel: 020 8809 7266/e-mail: arburton@cwcom.net); Dr Michael Jennings (tel: 01865 274610/e-mail: mike.jennings@wuhmo.ox.ac.uk) or Jackie Collis in the Centre of African Studies.

## FORTHCOMING SEMINARS AND LECTURES

❖ At the **SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES**, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG (tel: 020 7637 2388):

**African History Research Seminar** held on **Wednesdays** at **5.00 pm** in **Room 116**. Short summaries of each paper will be available from the Departmental Office before the meetings.

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| 26 April | <i>Project paper on the social history of Cape slaves in the 18th and 19th centuries</i> by Jody Sarich (SOAS)   |
| 3 May    | <i>Africa in world history before the Atlantic Age</i> by Professor Christopher Ehret (UCLA)   |
| 10 May   | <i>Project paper on British understandings of the Algerian war of liberation</i> by Geoffrey Barei (SOAS)  |
| 17 May   | <i>Project paper on the social history of Eritrea under Italian rule</i> by Francesca Locatelli (SOAS)   |
| 24 May   | <i>Habitat and Habitus: ecology, culture and identity among Cape Afrikaner sheep farmers at the end of the 18th century</i> by Professor Mordechai Tamarkin (Tel Aviv and St Antony's, Oxford) |

Enquiries to Joy Hemmings-Lewis at the History Department, SOAS (tel: 020 7898 4610).

**Department of Anthropology and Sociology.** Students are organising a workshop entitled **Getting There: how best to prepare for fieldwork'** on **20-21 May** which will take the form of regionally specific, practical 'how to' sessions on a variety of subjects, drawing both on the expertise of students and academic staff. For further information contact, David Herold (e-mail: dh9@soas.ac.uk)

**Geography Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars.** Information on meetings will be posted on the Geography Department board.

❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES**, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS (tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7255 2160):

**Societies of Southern Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries** in the **Menzies Room** on either **Fridays from 4.00 pm to 6.30pm**

- 5 May            *Culture and Identity in South Africa*  
*Image and Identity in South African Cinema* by Jacqueline Maingard (Bristol) and  
*Art and Identity in Post-Apartheid South Africa* by Annie Coombes (Birkbeck)
- 26 May            *Contemporary Zimbabwe*  
*The State, the Labour Movement and Politics in Zimbabwe, 1980-2000*  
 by Brian Raftopolous (University of Zimbabwe) and  
*War Veterans, Land and Debates over Nationalism in Zimbabwe* by Jocelyn Alexander  
 (Bristol)

Organisers:    Professor Shula Marks (SOAS), Dr Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck) and Dr Wayne Dooling  
 (SOAS)

The ICS also holds other seminars including those dealing with **Caribbean Societies, Commonwealth Studies, Gender in Empire and Commonwealth, Civil Society and Human Rights, Multiculturalism and the State**. For further information contact the ICS Events and Publicity Officer, ICS (tel: 020 7862 8844/fax: 020 7862 8820/e-mail: skearins@sas.ac.uk/website: <http://www.irh.sas.ac.uk/ics/>)

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❖ At the **INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION**, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL (tel: 020 7580 1122):

**Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) Seminar Series**

Meetings held in the **Seminar Room (Institute of Education Library)** from **1 to 2pm**. If you require free coffee and sandwiches (available from 12.30) contact Dr Mandy Banton. Details of further seminars will be posted on the SCOLMA website: [www.brad.ac.uk/acad/scolma](http://www.brad.ac.uk/acad/scolma).

- 15 May            *How a Gazetteer of the Second Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902 was compiled* by Huw Jones
- 26 June            *Why are missionary periodicals [not]so boring* by Terry Barringer
- 12 July            *War and the archivist: preserving the records of Eritrea* by Kiflom Tesfamariam

Further information may be obtained from Dr Mandy Banton (Public Record Office) (e-mail: [mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk](mailto:mandy.banton@pro.gov.uk)/tel: 020 8392 5247)

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❖ At the **LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE**, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AR (tel: 0171 405 7686).

**Comparative Economic History Seminar: Africa, Asia and Latin America (Poverty, Welfare and Distribution)** (organised by the Department of Economic History, with support from STICERD) Meetings are at **5.15 pm**, on alternate **Tuesdays** at LSE. Possible papers will be distributed in advance. The following meeting may be of interest to Africanist colleagues.

4 July *Nutrition, Gender and Poverty Traps in Northern Ghana since 1930* by Jérôme Destombes (LSE)

For a copy of the paper or for information about other meetings this term please e-mail: g.m.austin@lse.ac.uk

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❖**The Royal African Society** (Room 472, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC2 0XG) (tel: 020 7898 4390) announces the following meetings:

10 May *Franco-African Relations* by Andrew Manley (Freelance Journalist and Consultant) and Veronique Tadjó (Poet, Novelist and Painter from CôteD'Ivoire; member of **The Rwanda Memory Project** at 5.30pm in the Assembly Hall, SOAS (held jointly with CAS)

15 May *Citizens and Global Governance* by Colin Ball (Director of Commonwealth Foundation) at 1.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)

18 May *Western Correspondents in Africa: pedlars of prejudice or crusaders of the truth?* by Alex Russell (Deputy Foreign Editor, Daily Telegraph: author of 'Big Men, Little People') and Dr Vincent Magombe (Director, Africa Inform International) at 6.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with the RCS)

1 June *Oil Company Responsibility in Africa* by Shawn McCormick (Senior Policy Advisor, Government and Public Affairs, BP Amoco plc) at 6.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with the RCS)

13 June *Law in Namibia* by Bience Gawanas (Parliamentary Commissioner (Ombudsman); Namibia's first woman barrister) at 6.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with the RCS)

15 June *Nkrumah and the Chiefs* by Professor Richard Rathbone (SOAS) at 5.30pm in the Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre (held jointly with CAS)

21 June *The Contribution of Commonwealth Cultures to the Arts in Britain Today* by Alan Howarth (Minister for the Arts) at 6.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with the RCS)

3 July *Human Rights* by Geoffrey Robertson (Head of Doughty Street Chambers, Visiting Professor of Human Rights at Birkbeck College, University of London) at 6.00pm at the Commonwealth Club (held jointly with RCS)

10 July *Nigeria: Christians and Muslims* by Dr Banu Az-Zubair (Department of Pathology, University of Cambridge), Rev Dr Mathew Hassan Kukah (Head, Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria) and Insa Nolte (CWAS, University of Birmingham) at 6.00 pm at the Commonwealth Club (**please telephone nearer the date to confirm this time**)

Meetings held jointly with the Centre of African Studies will be at SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG / meetings held jointly with the Royal Commonwealth Society will be at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2

Please confirm with RAS by telephone before attending meetings as, very occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, they may be postponed. In the event of a cancellation or postponement a message will be left (round the clock) on the answerphone.

## OCCASIONAL TALKS; SEMINARS; WORKSHOPS; SYMPOSIA; CONFERENCES; EVENTS

### ❖ LONDON

**Administering Empire: Problems of Smaller Territories, 18 and 19 May** at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. For further information contact Dr Michael Twaddle, tel: 020 7862 8839 / e-mail: [mtwaddle@sas.ac.uk](mailto:mtwaddle@sas.ac.uk)

**Education in the Commonwealth** is a one-day conference being held on **Thursday 22 June** from **9.00am** at the Commonwealth Club, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London WC2. (organised by the Council for Education in the Commonwealth in conjunction with the Royal Commonwealth Society). Full details and booking (tel: 020 7766 9209).

**Transformation in African Agriculture: natural resources, livelihoods and markets** – this newly funded ESRC seminar series will be holding 6 workshops from **April 2000** to **April 2001**. Exact themes of each workshop have yet to be agreed, although sessions on fair-traded products, agricultural intensification, land tenure reform, livelihoods, and rural governance will be included. The aim is to bring together a working group of academics and policy advisors concerned with the production of food, agricultural change, and policy interventions to support smallholders in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa. Interested participants should contact Dr Simon Batterbury at the London School of Economics on [S.Batterbury@lse.ac.uk](mailto:S.Batterbury@lse.ac.uk)

**Cultures of Political Transition: memory, identity and voice** is an international conference that will take place in **September** at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. It is planned that this event will shed light on the cultures of political transition and democratisation through an analysis of memory, identity and voice. These remain under-researched avenues of enquiry in a rapidly expanding field of research which has tended to focus predominantly on legal and quasi-legal mechanisms and their role in addressing past human rights abuses and negotiating transition. The post Cold War rhetorical mainstreaming of human rights, a new 'grand narrative' in an era when other such narratives have fallen into disrepute, has tended to entrench a legal/quasi-legal orthodoxy as the preferred way to come to terms with an oppressive past. The mechanisms that attempt to manage transition – Truth Commissions, War Crimes Tribunals – also, however, structure and restructure memory and identity, and use their own voice to privilege certain voices while suppressing others. For further information contact Paul Gready at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies on [pgready@sas.ac.uk](mailto:pgready@sas.ac.uk)

**Mozambique in the Commonwealth: urban and environmental realities after the flooding** will take place on **9 and 10 October** at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. This international conference will cover a wide field, including post-disaster rehabilitation, education, urban planning, the political context and issues of sociology and law. For further information contact Dr Edesio Fernandes on [edesiofernandes@compuserve.com](mailto:edesiofernandes@compuserve.com)

### ❖ UK

The African Studies Centre (University of Cambridge) will be holding research seminars **on 1, 8, 15 and 22 May** at **5.00pm**. For further information contact Casey Syngé (tel/fax: 01223 334396 / e-mail: [cs218@cus.cam.ac.uk](mailto:cs218@cus.cam.ac.uk))

Africa Studies Seminar on the theme **Politics in Africa** will be held on **Thursdays** at **5.00pm** at St Antony's College, Oxford. This programme will be subject to minor amendments. For further information tel: 01865 284730. **Race Relations Seminar Series : Colonialisms, Intermediaries and Difference** will be held on **Tuesdays** from **5.00 pm** at Oxford Brookes University (first two seminars) and continuing at **4.45pm** in the Fellows Dining Room, St Antony's College. For further information (01865 284750 or 274477).

**State, Conflict and Intervention in Sierra Leone** – an international conference being organised by the Centre for African Studies at St Antony's College, University of Oxford on **13-14 May**. For further information contact Ann Guild (fax: 01865 310518 or e-mail: Ann.Guild@sant.ox.ac.uk)

**Africa's Indigenous Peoples: 'First Peoples' or 'Marginalized Minorities'?**, Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh Annual Conference, **24-25 May**. This conference will focus on the issues surrounding indigenous peoples who live within the boundaries of African states. The conference will focus both on the definitions of 'indigenous' and 'indigenous peoples' in an African context, and on substantive problems encountered by indigenous peoples on the Africa continent. Issues of definition involve practical and deeply complex matters, including political relations within nations states, the legal position of indigenous peoples, and the application of international or indeed universal standards (eg as in the ILO Convention 169 or the UN Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples). For further information and to book contact P King on tel: 0131 650 3878/e-mail African.Studies@ed.ac.uk.

**Britain Zimbabwe Society Research Day – Rethinking Zimbabwean Nationalism: Urban Social History, Labour and Politics** (keynote speaker Brian Raftopolous (Acting Director of the Institute of Development Studies, University of Zimbabwe, historian of the labour movement, and founder member of the National Constitutional Assembly) on **3 June** at St Antony's College, Oxford. The aim of the day is to reconsider nationalist history in the light of contemporary Zimbabwean politics and recent research origins and growth of civil society, especially its urban forms. Papers are particularly welcome on nationalism, labour, women's and students movements; churches and voluntary associations; elections and constitutional developments; the politics of race, class, gender and sexuality. Anyone wishing to give a brief talk on their current work or future research intentions should contact Dr David Maxwell, Department of History, Keele University, Keele, Staffs ST5 5BG/tel: +44 (0)1872 711758/e-mail hia00@keele.ac.uk. BZS is particularly keen to promote the research of post-graduate scholars.

**Protecting the African Culture Heritage: a race against time** by Dr George Anungu (Director General, National Museums of Kenya, is this year's **Mary Kingsley Zochonic Lecture** being held on **14 July** at **5.30pm** at The Mill Lane Lecture Rooms, 3 Mill Lane, Cambridge (near Peterhouse College and town centre). For further information contact the Royal African Society (tel: 020 7898 4390/e-mail: ras@soas.ac.uk)

**Africa 2000: 18 to 21 August 2000** at the University of Liverpool, will consider: art, culture, cinema, media, architecture, music, and topics related to politics, economics, and the cultural geographies of African cultural production. For further information visit <http://www.liv.ac.uk/abe/africa2000/main.html>

**South Africa Past, Present and Future: Saturday 1 July** at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hall, Twickenham (a book of the same title will be launched on the same day). The event aims to work towards integrating a comprehensive historical analysis of modern South Africa with a consideration of post-apartheid 'development' initiatives. This involves a consideration of recent developments in the South African historiography, critical approaches to global 'development' discourse and practice and the theoretical implications of political transition. Amongst the speakers will be Professor David Simon (Royal Holloway) and Dr Hilary Sapire (Birkbeck College). For further information contact Alan Lester (tel: 020 8240 4077/fax: 020 8240 4255/e-mail: lester@smuc.ac.uk)

**Sudan: Past, Present and Future, The Fifth International Conference on Sudan Studies: 30 August and 1 September** at the University of Durham is a meeting which will draw together scholars working on a wide range of subjects and in many disciplines. There are so far twenty panels approved; on history; the Sudanese diaspora; aid and development; the political culture of the Sudan; education; literature; natural resources; environment and conservation, and a number of other topics. Proposals for papers which fall into any of these panels will be considered; the organisers may also be willing to consider strongly-supported suggestions for further panels. The conference will coincide with an exhibition of the work of several Sudanese artists at the Oriental Museum in Durham, and there will be a film show and other cultural events. A full list of panels and a programme of events is available at [www.durham.ac.uk/History](http://www.durham.ac.uk/History). For further information contact Justin Willis on: [Justin.Willis@durham.ac.uk](mailto:Justin.Willis@durham.ac.uk)

**Missions, Nationalism, and the End of Empire** is a conference (organised by Currents in World Christianity and supported by The Pew Charitable Trust) being held from **6 to 9 September** at Queen's College, Cambridge. The theme will cover the complex relations between Christian missions and imperialism. Most recent work has concentrated on the nineteenth century with comparatively little being written on the twentieth century. The conference aims to explore the nature of the relationships between churches and mission and anti-colonial and 'nationalist' movements in the twentieth century, and to assess the impact on mission organisations, churches (both non-western and western), and the Christian understanding of 'mission' of the end of the western colonial empires from 1945. For further information on this conference and Currents in World Christianity and this conference contact the Project Office (tel/fax: 01223 741090/webpage <http://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/carts/cwc>)

#### ❖ EUROPE

**Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations: 5-8 June** to be held in Moscow. The Center for Civilization and Regional Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in co-operation with The Institute of Cultural Anthropology of the Russian State University for the Humanities is organizing the above conference. The conference objective is to discuss the processes of the politogenesis in their regional and temporary variations. Two main sections are suggested: civilizational models of the complex sociopolitical organization (convenors: Dr Dmitri M Bondarenko and Professor Andrey V Korotayev) and ethological basis of hierarchy and power in human society (convenor: Professor Marina L Butovskaya). For further information e-mail: [dbondar@inafr.msk.su](mailto:dbondar@inafr.msk.su)

### OTHER NEWS

#### ❖ CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

The two-day workshop **Challenges and Celebrations** on African Film held in March formed part of the events marking the first **Sembene Ousmane Annual Lecture**, delivered this year by Professor Manthia Diawara and was introduced by the Director of SOAS, Sir Tim Lankester. Included in the event was a screening of the spectacular film **Sango**, the director of which, Femi Lasode, was partially funded by the Centre of African Studies. The workshop was attended by amongst others, the East African Visiting Scholar from Uganda, Dominica Dipio, and the LINK programme visitor to the Africa Department, Debrah Ogazuma. The workshop was particularly opportune for Ms Dipio whose research covers 'The Narrative Structure of African Films: a tool for cultural appreciation.

This term marks the completion of the first year of the British Council funded LINK between the Department of Drama, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria and the Department of African Languages and Cultures (SOAS). It is hoped that following on the success of this programme a further LINK will be established in the near future.

The Department of Nigerian and African Languages, Ahmadu Bello University used the launch of the Nigerian edition of Professor Graham Furniss's book **Poetry, Prose and Popular Culture in Hausa** to raise funds for the rehabilitation of the tape archive, the Oral Documentation Unit at ABU, which has deteriorated over the last fifteen years of underfunding of universities in Nigeria. With extensive media coverage in Nigeria, the launch raised something over 1,600,000 Naira (approximately £12,000 ) to initiate a trust fund. All contributions welcome. Professor Graham Furniss is the Head of the Department of Languages and Cultures of Africa, SOAS.

#### ❖ VISITING SCHOLARS

##### **Oppenheimer Academic Fellowship Scheme:**

The next Oppenheimer Scholar hosted by the Centre of African Studies will be **Sikhumbuzo R Mngadi** (Lecturer in English, Rand Afrikaans University, who will be in the UK from September to December. Mr Mngadi will be carrying out research on 'Reading in a State of Emergence: literature and culture in South Africa today. He will be contactable through the Centre office

##### **Leventis Research Co-operation Programme:**

The **Leventis Foundation** supports collaborative research between the Centre of African Studies in London and colleagues in Nigerian universities. The successful applicant(s) will be attached to the Centre of African Studies, SOAS for a period of three months. Applications should include a complete curriculum vitae, a 1000 word statement of current research interests and aims to be achieved during the research period in London. This programme is particularly suitable for younger academics, perhaps working up a PhD thesis into publishable form. The deadline for applications is **1 May 2001**. Further information may be obtained from the Centre office.

##### **East African Visiting Scholarship Scheme:**

The Centre of African Studies administers the **East African Visiting Scholarship** scheme which is aimed at academics from Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The successful applicant(s) will visit the centre for a three month period in order to pursue research and/or course development in the broad field of African studies in the social sciences and humanities; preference will be given to academics at the early stage of their career. For further information please contact the Centre office. The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2001 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April) 2002 is **30 April 2001**.

##### **Masters Scholarship:**

Thanks to the **Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust (EOMT)**, SOAS is able to offer a generous one-year scholarship to an outstanding South African student wishing to study any of its Masters programmes in the academic year 2001–2002. The award covers both overseas student fees and subsistence and is administered by the Centre of African Studies and the EOMT. For further information please contact the Centre office.

##### **Visiting Academics to the Centre of African Studies**

**Dr Pavi Hasu** (Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki) is carrying out research on the work of the Leipzig Mission in Kilimsnjsto 1893-1940 by examining the cultural, philosophical and theological background of that particular missionary society, the conversion of the Chagga people into Christianity during the first decades of the 20th century, and the impact of conversion of their socio-cultural order and life cycle rituals in particular.

**Dr Andreas Eckert** (Humboldt University, Berlin) is a historian who has conducted research in both Cameroon and Tanzania; published widely in both German and English, and writes for the popular press in German as well as authoring academic works.

Both visitors can be contacted through the CAS office.

❖ **RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES**

**Modernity on a Shoestring** edited by Fardon, van Binsbergen & van Dijk is available through the Centre of African Studies. This collection of 22 essays, predominantly concerned with issues of consumption, development and identity in sub-Saharan Africa, is published by EIDOS and distributed through the African Studies Centre, Leiden, and the Centre of African Studies, London. The cost of the publication in the UK (including postage and packing) is £25 (cheque made payable to SOAS and sent to the Centre of African Studies or by credit card giving the number, expiry date, authorised signatory and address)/US is £30 (including postage and packing) payment must be made in sterling and by credit card only. Orders from Europe should be placed with the Afrika Studiecentrum, PO Box 9555, 2300 RB Leiden, The Netherlands.

Gavin Capps, Podromos Panayiotopoulos, **World Development: An Introduction** (Pluto Press: London, 2000)

William Gervase Clarence Smith, **Cocoa and Chocolate, 1765-1914** (Routledge: London, 2000)

R R Edgar and H Sapire, **African Apocalypse: the story of Nontetha Nkwenkwe, a twentieth-century South African Prophet** (Ohio University Press: Athens and Ohio and Witwatersrand University Press: Johannesburg 1999)

David M Anderson and Vigdis Broch-Due (eds) **The Poor are Not Us: Poverty and Pastoralism in Eastern Africa** (James Currey: Oxford, 2000)

Richard Fardon and Graham Furniss (eds) **African Broadcast Cultures: radio in transition** (James Currey: Oxford, March 2000)

Deborah A James, **Songs of the Women Migrants: performance and identity in South Africa** (International African Institute, Edinburgh University Press: January 2000)

Sue Jones and Nici Nelson (eds) **Urban Poverty in Africa: from understanding to alleviation** (Intermediate Technology Press, 1999)

Richard Rathbone, **Nkrumah and the chiefs; the politics of chieftaincy in Ghana, 1951-60** (James Currey: Oxford, 2000)

We would like to include listings of recent books authored and edited by Centre members as a regular feature of 'African News'. This will help the us all to know what our fellow Centre members are doing as well as giving some welcome publicity to our work. Please give Jackie Collis (CAS) details of books you have authored or edited that will be published close to the deadline for the next newsletter.

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The Centre of African Studies office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10.45 am to 5.15 pm.

London 0171 and 0181 numbers have changed to 020 7 and 020 8 respectively. When phoning from within London all numbers now begin with either a 7 (inner London) or 8 (outer London)

If you are telephoning the UK from abroad please omit the 0 from the area code in all cases e.g. Centre of African Studies = +44 20 7898 4370.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the copy date for the next newsletter will be **16 SEPTEMBER**

